
Subject: Appointments to Transportation Strategy Steering Committee

Report To: Public Works Committee

Report date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Recommendations

1. That the recommendation contained in Confidential Appendix 1 to Report PW 16-2024, **BE APPROVED**, confirming the appointments to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee for the remainder of this term of Council.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to appoint members to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee.
- In accordance with the Terms of Reference, composition of the Committee shall include eight (8) members of the public, one (1) Local or Regional Councillor representing each local area municipality, and four (4) members of the Transportation Division.
- Local Area Municipalities appointed the Councillors included in Confidential Appendix 1.
- Advertisements regarding the Committee's public members were available from February 22 to March 22, 2024.
- Staff were committed to a selection process that was consistent with the Committee's Terms of Reference and selected candidates that have relevant experience and skills to meaningfully contribute to the success of the committee.
- Confidential Appendix 1 to this report contains the recommended selection of candidates for appointment to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee.

Financial Considerations

None.

Analysis

An application form to solicit interested members of the public was posted on Niagara Region's website from February 22 to March 22, 2024, for the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee. Applications could be completed on the Niagara Region website or provided directly to the Regional Clerk. Advertisements were posted on social media and with the local area municipalities to provide extensive outreach to ensure a diverse

membership of public members and previous members of the Region's transportation focused groups were notified of the opportunity to apply.

Applicants were asked the following questions:

- Based on the mandate/purpose of the Committee that you are applying for, please list your relevant education, credentials, and/or professional skills that will assist this Committee.
- Describe your experience (work related, community service oriented, or special interest) which illustrates the skills or abilities you may contribute to the Committee.
- What is your experience on committees, boards, or with governing bodies? List applicable organizations and outline your responsibilities with each one.
- Why are you interested in serving on this Committee?
- Explain why your appointment would benefit this Committee and the residents of Niagara.

Nine public member applications were submitted and reviewed by Transportation staff to ensure candidates had relevant experience and/or skills to meaningfully contribute and would represent the geographic diversity of the Region as well as a broad cross-section of residents in order to achieve the Committees' mandate. Given that only nine (9) applications were received, staff are recommending appointment of applicants as the Committee will still be under the maximum membership outlined in the Terms of Reference.

Correspondence was sent Local Area Municipalities with the request that their Councils appoint one (1) Local or Regional Councillor member to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee. Staff have followed up with those municipalities that have not provided an appointee. Should those municipalities provide an appointee, it will be forwarded to Committee for consideration.

The recommended appointees for the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee are attached as Confidential Appendix 1 to this report for consideration.

Committee Mandate

The purpose of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee is to provide input to staff and Regional Council through the Public Works Committees on policies, programs, and initiatives related to building and planning balanced and sustainable transportation systems in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Alternatives Reviewed

None.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

This Report supports the Council Strategic Priorities of an effective and prosperous Region.

Other Pertinent Reports

PW 40-2023 Terms of Reference: Transportation Strategy Steering Committee

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Appendices

Confidential Appendix 1

Recommended Appointments to the Transportation
Strategy Steering Committee